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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, TH

SUBJECT: AMMUNITION TRAFFICKING IN THAILAND

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) BANGKOK PRESS REPORTED ARREST IN
TAK PROVINCE OF TRA LIEUTENANT OVER THE WEEKEND WITH SOME
18,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN HIS POSSESSION, 13,000
OF IT IDENTIFIED AS M-16 AMMO. (END UNCLASSIFIED)

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - NEITHER SOURCE NOR
DESTINATION OF AMMUNITION IS KNOWN ALTHOUGH MOST NEWS
REPORTS SPECULATED IT WAS DESTINED FOR BURMESE KAREN
REBELS. WHILE POLICE SHOULD BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR HAVING
AND ACTING UPON GOOD INTELLIGENCE, THE FACT THAT AN ARMY
LIEUTENANT COULD LAY HIS HANDS ON 18,000 ROUNDS OF AMMO
TO SELL, WHETHER TO THE KAREN OR TO THE COMMUNIST
INSURGENTS, IS INDICATIVE OF THE DIFFICULTY OF TRYING
TO ASCERTAIN SOURCES OF SUPPLY FOR THE VARIOUS REBEL
GROUPS. ALTHOUGH MUCH SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNIST INSURGENCY
COMES FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES,
THE BLACK MARKET TRADE IN AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS APPARENTLY
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CONTINUES TO FLOURISH WITHIN THAILAND, WHICH ITSELF PRODUCED M-16
AMMUNITION (5.56 CAL). END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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Message Attributes

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